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Hi Joe:

Thanks for a very good IRWMP session - thanks especially for webcasting it! My suggestion for how to deal with increasing standards for the IRWM plans are:

1) Planning Grants: to have smaller grants for IRWM Plan upgrades for those who already received a large grant to create a plan and successfully completed that plan under the standards in place at that time.

2) Implementation Grants: If there is an implementation grant that requires the IRWM plan to meet guidelines that were adopted after the original plan was approved, provide a two-stage grant. Stage one would be funding to bring the IRWM plan up to the standard needed for the implementation grant. If this is successfully done, the applicant gets the Stage two funding for implementation. My idea is that the applicant could apply for both stages at once (not separately as an upgrade to their plan). As long as they had a IRWM plan that met the requirements that were in place when the plan was created, this would not jeopardize their application for implementation. However they would be required to provide a workplan for upgrading the IRWMP as well as for the implementation project in their application materials. And they would be required to successfully complete Stage one planning upgrades before getting funding for their implementation project.

I hope this is helpful. Thanks again!

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